

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2022 – 7:15 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Chairman

Mike Kreke, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7:15 p.m. on January 18, 2022. The meeting was held with options for Zoom and Conference Call.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Heinzmann, Johnson, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Kreke, Netemeyer, Nordike, Rapien, Strieker, Sullivan, Taylor, Wessel, Wesselmann, White. Absent: Middendorff. Let the record reflect that we have a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021 regular meeting. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

Bob Brandkamp of Breese questioned a discussion from the November Health Board meeting regarding the possibility of the Health Department being charged rent by the county for use of the proposed new facility. Brandkamp questioned if any other county offices pay rent for their office space. Johnson said there was further discussion about paying rent at a subsequent Health Board meeting and nothing has been decided. He recommended that Brandkamp attend the upcoming Health Board meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month and suggested that he contact County Board member James White, the county's representative on the Health Board. Johnson said he is not aware of any other county department paying rent for the use of their facility.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Annual Report from Chief Probation Officer Carla Stalnaker.

Stalnaker reported that the Probation Office hired a new problem-solving coordinator. This is a grant-funded position to coordinate the county's Drug Court program. The adult case load is slightly down; however, 75 percent of the active cases are for felony offenses. So, while the numbers are decreasing slightly, the risk level and offense level is going up. The juvenile case

load has remained about the same. The department has been part of the Redeploy Illinois Grant program for 15 years and the dollar amount increased this year. The county currently has 13 youth involved in the grant program which provides funding for psychological services, tutoring, mentoring, transportation, in-home treatment, food assistance and other necessary services which would otherwise be unavailable. Stalnaker gave an overview of youth receiving detention services. As for drug monitoring, the department did over 1,300 drug tests in 2021. Cannabis is still the highest drug detected; however, there were 77 positive tests for meth, 25 for Fentanyl, 21 for Ecstasy and eight for Oxycodone. Stalnaker anticipates an increase in Fentanyl usage in the future. As for the juvenile population, there were three positive tests for alcohol and two for meth. Restitution and probation service fees remained fairly standard. A signed waiver for liability has been implemented for anyone doing public service work through the probation office. However, due to Covid, there's been a reduction in public service work ordered. Stalnaker gave a report on Drug/Treatment Court and the success of the program. The department received an Adult Redeployment Grant this year which will enable the hiring of a new employee and another probation officer. They will also be adding a High-Risk Offender Program to the Drug/Treatment Court.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

a. Zoning/Subdivision Committee – Craig Taylor

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser

- i. Motion to Approve – Request to Rezone Approximately 10 acres from (A) Agricultural to (R-1) Residential in Lookingglass Township on Court Road. Owned by KMJK of Illinois, LLC c/o Mike Kniepman.**
B. Netemeyer made a motion for a roll call vote. White seconded the motion. Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
- ii. Staser reviewed the annual Housing Report showing the number of stick-built homes built in 2021. The report shows 82 permits issued with the county zoning office and local municipalities each issuing 41 permits. This does not include any modular or manufactured homes. A total of 205 building permits were issued in the county and that includes all projects. There were 13 divisions of land approved by the Subdivision Committee. Staser also presented a report on the Enterprise Zone which shows the number of tax certificate exemptions issued for commercial construction projects in 2021.**

b. Economic Development/Enterprise Zone – Keith Nordike

No Report

c. Tourism Committee – Jim Sullivan

Sullivan presented a bill from Acorn Internet Services which was referred to the Finance Committee.

- d. Environmental Concerns/Unincorporated/Solid Waste – Nelson Heinzmann
No Report
- e. Assessment Committee – Bryan Wessel
Wessel reported there were 163 parcels with ownership transfers which is down two from the previous year. The Board of Review has reviewed 50 appeals submitted in 2021 and hearings on those appeals are set for Jan. 25 and 26. The tentative state multiplier is 1.000. There are still four PTAB appeals pending from 2019.
- f. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann
Heinzmann reported on the Jan. 13 committee meeting. The monthly Einstein Consulting report showed total fees are down 12 percent as compared to this time last year, pharmacy expenses were down slightly, medical claims were down 5 percent and fixed costs were down 32 percent. The committee has been discussing implementation of Flexible Spending Accounts, an optional new benefit for employees, and the use of stand-alone imaging centers versus hospital imaging services. All county employees are invited to attend the next Insurance Committee meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 to learn more. If there is enough interest, there will be a roll-out meeting before the re-enrollment period on May 1.
- g. Facilities Committee – Ken Knolhoff
K. Knolhoff reported that Elliott Data Systems is meeting at the courthouse Jan. 19 to discuss details of the new secure entry system. Flooring in the State’s Attorney’s break room has been replaced. One of the three furnaces in the Health Department broke down and had to be replaced. A blower fan was replaced on a second unit. The county took bids on the courthouse roof replacement and new HVAC system. Awarding the bids was tabled until next month.
- h. Animal Control/County Farm Committee – Craig Taylor
1. Motion – Approve Contract for 3-Year County Farm Lease
Taylor reported that the county sought bids for the farm lease but delayed opening the bids until Jan. 13 to ensure that proper fertilizer was applied to the farm ground. The top bid for the next three-year contract was Roy Schmitt of Trenton who bid \$320 per acre plus payment of property taxes on the farm ground.
Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote. Rapien seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.
 2. The committee discussed the multi-purpose building at the County Farm with a tentative April start date. In the past month there were 24 new dogs taken in with 16 strays, seven surrendered and three on rabies hold. There were 22 cats with seven strays, three surrendered, five on hold, 16 rescued and one put down.

- i. Education Committee – James White
No Report
- j. Veterans Committee – Bob Netemeyer
No Report
- k. Finance/Health/Revolving Loan Committee/General Services/Judiciary – Brad Knolhoff
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
Motion to Approve the Monthly Budget and Financial Report for November.
B. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.
Taylor seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Trame reported the county received an oil check for \$10,724.55 and \$7,804.87 was collected for video gaming last month. The Treasurer’s Office completed its final mobile home distribution on January 10 for \$47,603.56.
 - 2. B. Knolhoff said the committee heard from vendor representatives for the proposed radio system. No action has been taken; however, the committee is reviewing vendor references. Kevin Terveer, executive director of Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMAPC), spoke about services offered by SIMAPC and the fees charged for those services. The committee reviewed the preliminary plan for the new Health Department building and discussed mutual expectations of the county and the Health Board for moving forward with the project. Diane Luitjohan, executive secretary for the State’s Attorney, presented information on a software program to assist with managing and filling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The committee met with the city of Carlyle regarding water and sewer extensions related to the new multi-purpose building at the County Farm. The two entities have reached a general consensus principle on moving forward, and an intergovernmental agreement may be adopted in the future.
- l. Law Enforcement/EMA/Welfare/Safety/Liquor – James White
White reported that Sheriff Dan Travous discussed lake patrol costs noting that the county profited \$13,261 covering the lake last year. The county received an hourly increase in reimbursement pay from the Corps of Engineers and is considering a change in the wage structure for the deputies on lake patrol. White expressed appreciation to the Sheriff’s Department for its part in apprehending a suspect involved in a hostage situation in rural Carlyle. White said the sheriff and his team did a fantastic job. Renovations to the EMA building are still on track for a spring completion.
 - 1. Motion to Approve Purchase of EMA vehicle.
EMA will be trading in two older vehicles for \$1,500 per car and purchasing a 2012 Dodge Ram truck for \$27,289.
Sullivan made a motion for a roll call vote. Nordike seconded the motion.
Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Striker

(Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Abstain); Wesselmann (No); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-1 with 1 Abstain.

m. Road and Bridge Committee – Bryan Wessel

1. Highway Engineer's Report – Dan Behrens

Bids were opened Jan. 4 to supply rock for the county and the various townships. Seven bidders submitted bids on 52 different items. For the townships, Beelman Logistics was awarded 26 of the items, two went to Cal Trucking, 12 to Brink Brothers, one to Timmermann Milk Service, four to Wilke Truck Service and three to Zachry Farms. For the county, Beelmann was low bidder on the CA-6, slag and rip rap, and Brink Brothers was low on the CA-16 chips.

i. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award Township Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids.

Wessel made a motion for a roll call vote. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

ii. Motion to Approve – Resolution to Award County Motor Fuel Tax Rock Bids.

Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote. Taylor seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (Yes); Nordike (Yes); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 13-0.

Behrens reported that additional money will have to be appropriated for improving the curves on Albers Road. Most of that project is funded through the Rebuild Illinois program, and the plans have been waiting on approval at the Illinois Department of Transportation for about six months. The county has plans to repair a bridge on Hamel Road through the Township Bridge Program. A box culvert on Huey Road will be widened and replaced in the future, and another section of Walnut Street in Breese may need to be replaced. The department is hoping to resurface Breese-Germantown Road late this summer which will include three feet of shoulder widening.

Nordike asked what was going on in the village of St. Rose along St. Rose Road.

Behrens said there is pipe work that the county will be backfilling; however, the county's Gradeall excavator has been down for two months. Nordike asked about renting equipment to complete the work. The village paid for the materials and the county is providing the labor, but Behrens said he did not look into renting a

Gradeall. Nordike questioned if the county took care of fixing the waterline that was hit on Huey Road. Behrens said it was fixed and turned into the insurance company.

Johnson said the cost of the repair was \$6,956, and Behrens said a lot of that cost was for moving the waterline which would have been necessary with the upcoming bridge replacement on Huey Road. Nordike questioned why employee Highway

employee Ron Becker has 57,469 miles on his truck which is only 2-1/2 years old.

Nordike said with vacation days and holidays deducted, that equates to roughly 130

miles per day. Behrens said Becker is responsible for inspecting the roads throughout the county, meeting with various people and managing job sites. Behrens said Becker brings back lists of items that need to be addressed. Nordike asked if those lists are documented. Behrens said they are probably not documented in a manner that Nordike is referring to; however, a work list is created and the items are checked off as completed. Nordike mentioned reducing Becker's overtime. Behrens said Becker had been coming in 15 or 30 minutes early and not charging the county for it. Now, since a timeclock was implemented, Becker has been coming in early and leaving after eight hours to avoid overtime. Behrens said a daily log is kept to document the jobs that employees are working on, and this record is needed for Motor Fuel Tax fund reimbursement. Nordike asked if the board members could get a copy of that log each month. Nordike questioned about overtime received in March 2021, and Johnson suggested that he further discuss his concerns at Behrens' office. Johnson commented about the overtime stating that when the Sheriff's Office was being questioned about overtime, they were going over budget; whereas, the Highway Department's overtime has not put them over budget.

n. Personnel/Labor Committee – Mike Kreke

Kreke said the letter of resignation and payout figures for Kyle Schulte, who is leaving the Sheriff's Department, are included in the Accounts Payable. The requested payout is within the limits of the contract.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. 708 Mental Health Board/Area Agency on Aging – James White
No Report.

b. County Health – James White

1. White said the Health Department had revenue in November of \$59,195.49 and expenses of \$78,156.54 for a loss of \$18,961.05. Total cash on hand is \$1,070,821.60, and cash flow is based on how the grant funding is received. Several parents from the Carlyle School District attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the Health Department's contract tracing policies and other issues. Administrator Chris Leidel and board president Dr. Brian Klostermann highlighted some of the changes from the Illinois Department of Public Health and said some of those changes were implemented as of Jan. 13. The Health Department will continue talking with Carlyle School District to improve services. B. Knolhoff asked if the temporary employees who were hired for contract tracing are still employed. White said their future employment will depend on grant funding. The Health Board reviewed plans for the proposed new building, and these plans were later presented to the Finance Committee. The Health Board is hoping to move forward with construction this year.
2. Motion to Approve - Health Department Monthly Report
White made a motion to approve the Health Department Monthly Report. Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- c. GIS Committee – Craig Taylor
No Report
- d. 911 Committee – Mike Kreke
Kreke said the 2022 NextGen grant is due February 1, and as of the meeting date, the requested funding was a little over \$51,000.
- e. Technology Support – James White
White said anyone who utilizes the county’s email server should have received updated password and log-in information from John Skain. County Clerk Vicky Albers said if anyone is having a problem they can also contact her office.
- f. UCCI – Jim Sullivan
Sullivan said UCCI will hold a membership meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 24 via conference call.
- g. Reorganization Committee – Mike Kreke
No Report.

11. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Taylor made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of accounts payable. B. Knolhoff seconded the motion.

Heinzmann (Yes); Knolhoff, B (Yes), Knolhoff, K (Yes); Kreke (Yes); Middendorff (Absent); Netemeyer (No); Nordike (No); Rapien (Yes); Strieker (Yes); Sullivan (Yes); Taylor (Yes); Wessel (Yes); Wesselmann (Yes); White (Yes).
Motion Carried 11-2.

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Motion to Approve – Change February Meeting from the Third Monday of the Month to Tuesday, February 22 due to Presidents’ Day Holiday. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. instead of the normal 7 p.m.

B. Knolhoff made a motion to change the meeting date. Nordike seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Nordike said he has missed a couple of meetings due to cancer treatments. He is finally getting over the heavy treatment and will now have regular chemo treatments every two weeks for the rest of his life. He said he is feeling better and his health is getting better. He hopes to make the next several meetings and said he is considering running for re-election. Johnson said he is glad to hear Nordike is feeling better.

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Heinzmann made a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. White seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder